

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) ~~[[A]] An aircraft comprising a guard~~  
hose arrangement for protecting insulated electrical  
conductors ~~for installation in a vehicle such as an~~  
installed in said aircraft, said guard hose arrangement  
comprising a plurality of guard hoses ~~(1, 2...n)~~, each  
guard hose having an inner diameter for receiving at least  
one of said insulated electrical conductors, each guard  
hose ~~of said plurality of guard hoses~~ comprising an  
outwardly facing first contour, and said guard hose  
arrangement further comprising at least one spacer (5)  
positioned between two neighboring guard hoses of said  
plurality of guard hoses, said at least one spacer having  
~~[[a]] two second contour opposite contours~~, each second  
contour matching one of said first contour of said two  
neighboring guard hoses for spacing said plurality of guard  
hoses from one another. another and wherein each of said  
second contours contacts a circumferential portion of a  
respective first contour to thereby partly encircle said  
respective first contour.

2. (currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement aircraft~~ of  
claim 1, comprising a first number ~~[[n]]~~ of guard hoses,  
and a second number ~~[[n-1]]~~ of spacers arranged between  
neighboring guard hoses, and wherein each of said spacers  
is positioned along a straight length of two neighboring  
guard hoses.

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1 3. (~~withdrawn - currently amended~~) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 1, comprising several spacers arranged in  
3 a row between two neighboring guard hoses of said plurality  
4 of guard hoses, and spaces (S) between neighboring spacers  
5 in said row.

1 4. (~~currently amended~~) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~ aircraft of  
2 claim 1, wherein said at least one spacer has top first and  
3 bottom second surfaces opposite each other other, said  
4 first and second surfaces forming a first pair of surfaces,  
5 said at least one spacer further comprising third and  
6 fourth and side surfaces also opposite each other and  
7 forming a in-first and second pairs pair of surfaces, each  
8 side surface of [[a]] at least one pair of said side first  
9 and second pairs of surfaces having one of said two second  
10 opposite contours contour matching a circumferential  
11 portion of said first contour of a respective guard hose.

1 5. (~~currently amended~~) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~ aircraft of  
2 claim 4, wherein said first contour is convex and wherein  
3 said two second opposite contours are ~~contour is~~ concave so  
4 that ~~said convex first contour partly encircles said convex~~  
5 ~~second contour.~~

1 6. (~~currently amended~~) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~ aircraft of  
2 claim 4, wherein ~~each of said side first and second~~  
3 ~~surfaces has the same length or different length, whereby~~

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4 ~~said top and bottom surfaces~~ are squares or rectangles  
5 quadrangles and the ~~side~~ wherein said third and fourth  
6 surfaces are rectangles.

1 7. (currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~ aircraft of  
2 claim 4, wherein said side first and second surfaces  
3 forming said first pair ~~have the same length, and wherein~~  
4 are larger than said side third and fourth surfaces forming  
5 said second pair ~~have a length longer or shorter than said~~  
6 ~~same length, and wherein the said second opposite~~ contours  
7 are provided at least on [[in]] said ~~squares or quadrangles~~  
8 first and second surfaces.

1 8. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 4, wherein said spacer has a V-  
3 sectional or U-sectional configuration.

1 9. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 8, wherein said V-sectional or U-  
3 sectional configuration has legs of equal length.

1 10. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 8, wherein said V-sectional or U-  
3 sectional configuration has legs of unequal length.

1 11. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 4, wherein said spacer has a V-sectional

3 configuration with two legs enclosing an angle ( $\alpha$ ) between  
4 said two legs.

1 12. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 11, wherein said angle ( $\alpha$ ) is within the  
3 range of 45° to 90°.

1 13. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 4, wherein said spacer has a U-sectional  
3 configuration with two legs interconnected by a ~~land~~  
4 connector section (L), each leg enclosing with said land an  
5 angle ( $\beta$ ).

1 14. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 13, wherein said angle ( $\beta$ ) is up to  
3 ~~[[120°]]~~ 150°.

1 15. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 1, wherein said at least one spacer has  
3 at least one through-hole.

1 16. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 1, wherein a first and last guard hose of  
3 said plurality of guard hoses has an outwardly positioned  
4 surface portion facing away from said at least one spacer,  
5 said guard hose arrangement further comprising a protective  
6 covering on said surface portion facing away from said at  
7 least one spacer.

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1 17. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 16, wherein said protective covering is  
3 a metal foil or fabric adhesively bonded to said surface  
4 portion facing away from said at least one spacer.

1 18. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 16, wherein said covering is a coating  
3 comprising metal particles forming a screen against  
4 electromagnetic adverse influences.

1 19. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 1, wherein at least one guard hose of  
3 said plurality of guard hoses comprises at least one  
4 protective ridge (11) extending externally and helically  
5 ~~around~~ along said at least one guard hose.

1 20. (currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~ aircraft of  
2 claim 1, wherein said plurality of guard hoses and said at  
3 least one spacer are formed as one integral component.

1 21. (currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~ aircraft of  
2 claim 1, wherein said guard hoses and said spacer or  
3 spacers are interconnected at a junction (6, 7) by any one  
4 of adhesive bonding, welding, and tongue and groove  
connections.